THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) According to the information provided by the State Governments, the number of foreign tourists who visited Punjab, Jammu and Kashmir, Assam, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan during last two years is as follows:—

State	Number of Foreign Tourists	
	1994	1995
Punjab	11350	10964
Jammu and Kashmir	24683	20589
Assam	350	479
Uttar Pradesh	582000	640000
Rajasthan	436801	534749

(b) The estimates of foreign exchange earning are not computed State-wise. However, the total earnings of the country during 1994 and 1995 are estimated to be Rs 7103.53 crores and Rs. 8640.02 crores respectively.

Premium Collected by Life Insurance Corporation of India

248. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the premium collected by the Life Insurance Corporation of India in each of the years since 1991-92 from each State and Union Territory;

(b) investments undertaken by the LIC for each of the same years in the different States and Union Territories; and

(c) whether a directive is proposed to be issued to ensure that the investment premium ratio is evened out for the different States and Union Territories?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The information is given in Annexure-I [*See Appendix 178, annexure No. 15*]

(c) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Jointly sponsored programmes by Air India and Indian Airlines

249. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India and Indian Airlines have jointly sponsored some frequent flier programme-Flying Returns etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the procedure for participating for travelling public in such programmes;

(c) whether such programme will benefit the travelling pepole of the country in any way; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the amount spent on such arrangements?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The frequent flier programme was started in June, 1994 and under the programme members are entitled to accumulate 'mileage points' which can, under specified conditions, be redeemed for free tickets and/or other benefits.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The programme has received a good response from travelling public. As on 31.05.96, its 32640 members had accrued a total of Rs. 56.95 crores mileage points of which 4.65 crore mileage points were redeemed.

Withholding of Consignments by Custom Authorities at IGIA

250. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that custom authorities at IGIA, Delhi have been